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During Coffee County Commission meeting
Bid awarded for Mount Pleasant
and Ino senior citizen centers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning, May 27, and wasted no time in taking care of business.

Commissioners began the meeting by awarding the bid for the construction of the senior citizens centers at Mount Pleasant and Ino.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said the bids were opened last week, and he asked county administrator Wilson Mobley to present those bids Tuesday morning for those in attendance.

Commissioner Jim Thompson said it was his understanding that four vehicles would be sold with the purchase of the new ones.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates said he would have to wait until the new vehicles arrived before the other ones could be sold.

To this, Mobley said it was his understanding that the 1992 Caprice was the only vehicle not being used at all at the present time.

Before accepting the motion, county engineer Randy Tindell asked the commission to also allow some spare tires to be declared surplus and listed for sale. He said the tires would be listed separately from the vehicles and would be divided into categories (cars, trucks, etc.).

The commission voted unanimously to declare these items as surplus and list them on GovDeals.

Mobley also announced that the sign up dates for the Coffee County Farmer's Market Vouchers Program will be June 11, 12 and 13 in the community.

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Everett praises passage of 2004 defense authorization bill

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the \$400 billion 2004 Defense Authorization Act (HR 1588) that includes \$1.3 billion in defense spending impacting Southeast Alabama. Congressman Terry Everett, R-Rehobeth, announced last week.

Everett, chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, secured \$342 million in additional funding for Southeast Alabama defense programs, including training and testing at Fort Rucker, new construction at Maxwell-Gunter, new Blackhawk helicopter production at Tallassee, and testing of a new anti-missile system to be partially produced at Pike County's Lockheed Martin.

"As Fort Rucker is set to begin Flight School XXI for Army aviators, I was pleased to secure \$148 million in additional funds to ensure the training program has the resources to adequately prepare our future Army helicopter pilots," Everett said.

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Rucker is key to the maintenance work performed on post by DynCorp and instructor pilot services provided by Lear Siegler."

"The 2004 Defense Authorization Act also includes my request for \$7.4 million in additional funding for the U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center at Fort Rucker," Everett observed. "This increase is necessary for the ATTC to achieve a higher level of efficiency in the electronic collection of flight test data."

"Also of interest to Fort

Rucker is the defense bill's inclusion of \$1 billion for further research and development of the RAH-66 Comanche helicopter.

Training for the

Comanche, once in production,

will take place at Fort Rucker."

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Integrated Operational Support Facility," Everett said. "The project will upgrade and consolidate the Gunter Standards Systems Group computer and communications operations by bringing them together in a single modern facility. I was also happy to support the Administration's budget request for \$13.4 million for Phase III of the Squadron Officer School Dormitory at Maxwell. These

new construction projects will enhance the mission environment of Maxwell-Gunter."

"The ongoing war against terrorism and the successfully fought military operation in Iraq were aided in large part by high-

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Excitement building in Elba during sesquicentennial celebration

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Interest is growing and excitement is building as the City of Elba continues its year long celebration of 150 years with "Celebrate...Elba 150."

Elo Chamber of Commerce Director Kay Whitworth said the Sesquicentennial Committee has been hard at work planning events throughout the year to help the former and current citizens of Elba celebrate the town's rich history, and she said some of the year's best events are just around the corner.

"We had great participation thus far with our events, but we are looking forward to even more as we really get busy in the upcoming months," she said.

The next item on the agenda will be the beginning of ticket sales for the Aug. 23 George Jones concert.

Whitworth said this is a first time ever event for Elba as one of country music's biggest names will deliver one of his legendary shows for the city's birthday celebration.

"No one will want to miss this fireworks expedition," she said. "It's going to be the biggest Elba has ever delivered."

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It will begin on Thursday, Oct. 9, with the presentation of the "History of Elba" play. The next day (Friday, Oct. 10) will begin with a prayer breakfast at Elba First Baptist Church with the remainder of the day focusing on an Elba Business Expo on the square.

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The Sesquicentennial Festival and grand celebration will be presented Saturday, Oct. 11, around the downtown square and promises to be a great day with several highlight events such as a parade, entertainment and boat rides down the famous

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Whitworth said published author and former Elba resident Bob Inman will be the keynote speaker at that event.

This four-day event concludes with a reception on Sunday, Oct. 12, as many former and current dignitaries will be invited to come and join in the celebration.

"Although we are really looking forward to these highlight events, we hope everyone will take the time to participate in all the upcoming events," Whitworth said. "This is such an important time in history for Elba and its citizens, and the hope of the sesquicentennial committee is that anyone who shares a love for the city will come out and help us celebrate in fashion."

The remaining "Celebrate...Elba 150" events include:

June 14

Ole Timers Softball

June 21

Youth/Sr. Fishing Tourney

Heath Fair at hospital

July 12

Birthday Party "150"

August 23

George Jones Concert

September 6

Sesquicentennial Ball

King/Queen Crowning

September 25

Chamber Banquet "150"

October 9

"History of Elba" Play

October 10

Prayer Breakfast • 150 T-

shirt Day • Merchant

Appreciation Day

October 11

Grand Celebration

October 12

Reception

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September before the bridge is ready to be opened to traffic.

Until that time, he said the subcontractors will continue their work in completing the dirt preparation, installing the guard rails, pouring the asphalt and striping the roadway, as well as, any other job needing to be finished in order to open the new bridge.

"It's going to be so much better out here in a few months," Jewell said. "Maybe we won't have any more weeks before then."

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby

Staying in touch with Alabamians

Reuters News Service reports "After intensive research, scientists have concluded that politicians lie." Now in fast defense to all these great and honest American politicians, this research was done in England and thus was probably only done on British political types. The political science professor who conducted the study decided we should accept our politicians like we would a poker player ... where we would expect them to try to deceive us. Wow, that is coming down pretty strongly on what is a necessary part of society. "The way to solve this lying tendency is to stop asking questions of our government", said the professor. His example was Bill Clinton continually lying about the Monica Lewinsky matter, while previous philandering presidents never lied about it ... because no one ever asked!

Governor Bob Riley is living up to his promise of calling in all excess state owned cars and trucks. Anything that saves the taxpayer money is and should be appreciated. Now the flip side of the issue -if the state makes a big issue of calling in and selling these excess vehicles only to replace them with new vehicles, maybe even purchased from friends of the administration, it can be considered "business as usual". Even if the new vehicles are economy cars and not the top of the line models, selling the big ones for \$1,000 or even \$3,000, and replacing it with a \$10,000 economy model is not always cost effective. It is even insulting to citizens when the barge blowing was for the cutback in total vehicles. Let's hope they actually cut unneeded vehicles (the oldest models first) and operate with the reduced inventory without going back into the market to buy/buy, buy.

The Alabama Supreme Court has just ruled on the appeal of a lawsuit filed against the Auburn University trustees. The Alabama Newspaper Association was a party in filing the suit and thus we are more than casually familiar with the issues. Some of our news media friends are trashing the judges for parts of their decision, but we are not in that group. Our opinion is that the judges ruled according to the Alabama open meetings law. The law is what needs changing. In fact Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor is already promoting the necessary changes in this law. However due to the stalemate in the Alabama Senate, it is doubtful the changes can become law this year before the regular legislative session runs out. The trustees have found a legal way to conduct business (by using less-than-quorum committees and then rubber-stamping the committee decision without open discussion) and thus are avoiding the prying eyes of the taxpayers. They are admittedly doing this on a regular basis. The state supreme court believes it is all legal. A spokesperson for the university has indicated they will continue the practice - at least until the law is changed. So let's change the law folks.

A couple of weeks ago the wise old sage got into some fire ants. We were carrying rotting dead limbs to the trash pile about dusk dark and didn't notice the rascals were all over (and in) the limbs. When the first couple starting biting, our slow thinking mind thought it was just sharp parts of the heavy limbs boring into our arms and just kept on keeping on. By the time the truth was discovered, our right arm had about 20 bites, some real good ones and some just light nips. The left arm got by with only a couple of good stings. Needless to say, that ended our yard work for the day and future cleanup efforts were done in good daylight and while constantly checking for more *@%\$ fire ants.

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The Elba Police Department, Monday, May 19, 2003, to Sunday, May 25.

MONDAY, MAY 19

Midnight, Electric power out in several areas; EMS dispatched at 6:52 a.m. from the nursing home to Dothan; 3:00 p.m. Two year old reported playing in street on Putnam; 7:05 p.m. Unwanted guest reported on Dolet Street; 10:28 p.m. Unruly person reported at hospital emergency room; 11:53 p.m. Threatening phone call reported. Complainant to file report in the morning.

TUESDAY, MAY 20 6:15 a.m. Female lying on steps of Greater New Zion Church; 7:30 p.m. EMS dispatched to transfer patient from Enterprise to Shelby County; 2:30 p.m. Truck with oversized load checked at 5:30 p.m. EMS dispatched to Morrow Street, subject had fallen; 11:24 p.m. EMS dispatched to Texaco Food Mart; 9:35 p.m. 911 call subject had fallen from 4-wheeler at Deer Creek Hunting Club; 5:46 p.m. EMS transfer from Elba General to Dothan; 5:51 p.m. dispatcher officer to Hwy 84 East on civil matters; 8:42 p.m. fire reported on Guyton Street; 9:38 p.m. Loud noise reported on Cordelia Street; 11:23 p.m. Traffic stop driver failed field sobriety test.

SUNDAY, MAY 25 12:02 a.m. Suspicious vehicle reported parked on Davis Street; 6:00 a.m. River reading was 8.59 feet; 8:33 a.m. EMS transferred to Dothan; 12:02 p.m. Assisted home owner on East Davis who was locked out of house; 11:26 p.m. EMS dispatched to transfer patient from hospital to Montgomery.

Another issue that many people brought up during my town meetings was making certain that Alabama's federal taxpayer dollars are returned back to Alabama. As a member of the Appropriations Committee and as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, I play a major role in deciding how tax dollars are spent on important programs all across the country, and most importantly, right here in Alabama.

When I visited Anniston and some of the surrounding communities, we discussed the importance of the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) at Fort McClellan. CDP trains tens of thousands of men and women from throughout the nation each year so we may respond to terrorist attacks

on Pinedale activated; 11:09 Domestic complaint on County Road 505.

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Certainly, many more topics were discussed during the town meetings, and as I continue to work in the United States Senate, I am well aware of the priorities of each community in Meridian, Mississippi.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



The Jack in a Box Daycare Relay For Life recently held a Kiss-a-Contest where children were allowed to donate pennies to the teacher they wanted to kiss a goat. The teachers with the most and least got to pucker up. Pictured l to r: Wendy, Nicki, Eddie, and Sheila.

Weekend of music is planned at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ for May 31 & June 1

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ invites Elba and the surrounding communities to join them on Saturday and Sunday, May 31, and June 1, 2003 for a weekend of music and praise to the Lord. Saturday morning at 10:00 all former and current choir members are asked to meet at the church for a music workshop conducted by Elder W.K. Ellison. A concert will

follow that evening at 6:00 p.m. The services will climax Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. with the Men's and Women's Day Program, local churches are invited and the guest church and speaker will be Elder Duckworth from Columbus, Ga. For more information, contact Elder W.K. Ellison at (334)393-2169.

Vacation Bible School planned for June 2-6 at Goodman Baptist Church

Goodman Baptist Church 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call Kaye Clark at School June 2 - 6, 2003 from 347-7398.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BASIL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Trotter, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHYL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
More. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Tue. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
More. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
More. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Eddie Davis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
More. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. John B. Baker, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
More. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
More. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
More. Worship 11:00 a.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
More. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Lowell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Auburn University awards degrees at spring commencement

Auburn University awarded an estimated 2,282 academic degrees at two separate spring semester commencement ceremonies — one in the morning and one in the afternoon — on May 10.

Because of the size of the class, AU had commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m., and at 2 p.m.

Graduates of the School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences and the colleges of Engineering, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Mathematics will be awarded degrees at 10 a.m.

Students in the College of Agriculture, Education, Business, Human Sciences, Architecture, Design and Construction and the School of Nursing will receive their degrees in the 2 p.m. ceremony.

As usual, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the School of Pharmacy will have separate ceremonies. The AU School of Pharmacy 64, the

School of Nursing will also have a convocation for graduating seniors and faculty at 11 a.m., at Auburn United Methodist Church.

The degrees AU will award, 1,850 are bachelor's degrees, 225 are master's degrees, 50 are doctorates, six specialists and 151 professional degrees (pharmacy and veterinary medicine).

AU's College of Business will award the most undergraduate degrees with 489, followed by the College of Liberal Arts with 430 and the College of Engineering with 226.

The College of Education will award 178 degrees, the College of Sciences and Mathematics 136, the College of Architecture, Design and Construction 116, the School of Human Sciences 95, the College of Veterinary Medicine 87, the College of Agriculture 82, the School of Pharmacy 64, the



ON SATURDAY THE 24TH of May, the Ushers Department of the Elba Zion held a miscellaneous shower for the Yelverton family at the recreation center on Brantley Hwy. Family and friends gathered to celebrate the family's new home with gifts, warm wishes, various foods, and lots of fun!

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Kelley Foods employees are shown here using the mobile computer lab during the Basic Windows and Basic Excel training provided by MacArthur State-site at Kelley Foods.

MacArthur provides training for Kelley Foods of Alabama employees

MacArthur State Technical College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division reaches out to business and industry to provide training for new and existing employees. This program offers workers to enroll in courses to improve current skills or learn new skills. Customized courses are developed to meet the specific needs of business and industry in any professional area. The classes are taught at the worksite or on the MacArthur Campus and are offered at a time and place that is most convenient for the business as well as the employees.

MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division provides a broad range of training and re-training opportunities for employers and their employees. The Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division strives to meet the training needs of the community. If you are an employer seeking to increase productivity or an employee seeking to improve or upgrade job skills, please contact MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244 for more information.

Continuing Education Division provided Basic Windows 98/XP and Basic Excel 2000 training on-site at Kelley Foods in Elba. A total of 40 employees attended the 12-hour course.

"The computer training was very beneficial for our sales force. In today's competitive environment you must stay ahead of your competition. The trainers were helpful, knowledgeable, and friendly," said Philip Tew, Sales Manager for Kelley Foods.

The training was conducted with use of MacArthur's mobile computer lab. The mobile computer lab consists of 15 notebook computers, which can easily be transported to businesses.

The mobile training unit enabled MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division to provide training for Kelley Foods at a time and location that was most convenient for the business and their employees.

"This short course was a very informative class. The manner in which it was laid out was excellent. Having the laptops to work on as we went through the course was a wonderful hands-on experience. I would highly recommend this computer course for beginners as well as advanced users."

During MacArthur's Spring Semester 2003, customized training was provided for the employees of Kelly Foods. The Workforce Development and

computer professionals," said Vicki Harrison, Customer Service Representative for Kelley Foods.

Outlined in the Basic Windows 98/XP course were: getting started with Windows, the Help feature, working with My Computer and Windows Explorer, managing files, and customizing the Windows desktop. The Excel segment of the training included Excel basics, entering and editing data, modifying a worksheet, using functions, formating worksheets, printing, and creating charts.

"I learned a lot during the training sessions that will help me in performing my job. I learned a lot that I did not know. The Windows and Excel training were both enjoyable," stated Ramona Wambles, Buyer for Kelley Foods. MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division strives to meet the training needs of the community. If you are an employer seeking to increase productivity or an employee seeking to improve or upgrade job skills, please contact MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244 for more information.

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"This short course was a very informative class. The manner in which it was laid out was excellent. Having the laptops to work on as we went through the course was a wonderful hands-on experience. I would highly recommend this computer course for beginners as well as advanced users."

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SCHOOL NEWS

Kinston's Sabrina Piland chosen as IMPACT leader at Troy State

EOCC News

by DeAnn Wallace
 Zion Chapel, Educator

Impact—Involving and Motivating People Across Campus, Together—@ Troy State University's orientation program for incoming students. IMPACT leaders direct new student orientation activities for undergraduates who will begin TSU in the fall 2003 semester. They are mentors and guides for first-year students, and they teach students about campus resources and services, advise them of academic requirements, and acquaint new students with one another so that they will become comfortable in their new surroundings.

Sabrina Piland of Kinston, a junior majoring in psychology, was chosen as one of the 12 IMPACT leaders set to lead

the week of May 5-9 was Teacher Appreciation Week across the nation. The teachers at Zion Chapel Elementary all enjoyed the love and affection they received from all the students and parents. Over the period of a week the teachers all received little treats and goodies to say how much their service was valued. Starting on Monday the teachers were given a wonderful praise and thanks on the announcements that morning. Then the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) gave the teachers a pretty carnation. On Tuesday morning the teachers were given two Hershey kisses with a note saying, "We're sweet on you!" That afternoon the teachers were given a wonderful surprise! The PTO made lunch for all the teachers. The PTO also had volunteers come into the classrooms to watch their students so all the teachers could eat lunch together. Wednesday morning the teachers received a 100 Grand candy bar. Which also had a note stating, "You're worth 10,000!" The PTO also brought desserts for our lunch that afternoon. Thursday morning a bag of Munch chips appeared at our doors with a note saying, "You mean so much to me!" To end a won-

derful week, on Friday we received a precious gift of flow-

ers with mints in them. The students in our Student Government Association (SGA) had decorated them and had notes stating, "Thanks for your contribution!" The PTO then gave all their members a tote bag filled with encouraging words on it, and a "Teacher's Survival Kit".

We the Faculty of Zion Chapel Elementary want to thank all the parents and students from the bottom of our hearts. We enjoyed everything you did for us this week!

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Zion Chapel fourth graders take field trip to Montgomery

by DeAnn Wallace
 Zion Chapel, Educator

Shelly Strickland of Enterprise.

This award was sponsored by the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, those honored are selected by their schools on the basis of academic excellence in American history, patriotism and good citizenship in school and community.

Students honored by local SAR chapter

A new award named the Roy

M. Shoffner Good Citizenship Award was presented recently to eleventh grade students in Enterprise and Elba High Schools.

The first to be recognized were

Alex Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Pete Allen of Elba, and

Shelly Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Shelly Strickland of Enterprise.

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Rounding pennies for Relay for Life

by DeAnn Wallace
 Zion Chapel, Educator

Here at Zion Chapel you could

see jars full of pennies on top of

every teacher's desk. Every

morning the students ran into

their classrooms with pockets

full of change. Some children

had saved their allowance, while

others dug into the couch pockets

to look for fallen coins. The

students and faculty were all

buzzing with the new fundraiser,

that had just begun.

The members of the Psi

Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, who teach at ZC elementary were in the process of raising funds for the American Cancer Society a part of their Relay for Life team.

The school asked all students and their families, as

well as the faculty at the school,

to help with this wonderful

opportunity. From April 9 that April 23, 2003, each classroom collected pennies to help fund

cancer. In addition each person

could purchase a luminary

honoring someone special in

the life who has battled cancer.

Every classroom had student

comparing their jar to the other

classes, but when it came time

for the count, Mrs. Hodge's fifth

grade class raised the most. The

school raised a total of \$1840.50, while Mrs. Hodge's class raised over \$400 dollars and received a pizza party for their class.

Throughout this process the students learned

facts about cancer and ways to

help. Everyone may not have

the disease of cancer but we

have friends or relatives that

have been through it. Thanks to

all of those who helped to sup-

port the cause.

As for our next stop was the

Alabama History and Archives

Museum. The building was full

of rooms that were covered with

things to see. The founders

explored two floors full of inter-

esting artifacts.

What caught

the boy's attention were the uni-

forms and guns the soldiers had

used.

The uniforms were escor-

ted through several different rooms, which had even

had bullet holes in them. As for

our next stop was the

Museum.

This museum is directed

only toward cows.

Once inside the building the

students learned

about the history of cows and

how they came to Alabama.

They were also informed about

the cow's life and what it does.

SPORTS

Views from.... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School got out last week and that meant it was time to do some serious house cleaning for both the girls. Both were assured that leaving the house would depend on the condition of their rooms, and they were then reminded how to wash dishes and how to use the washing machine and the dryer. Now, if I can just get them out before time to get something done!

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** Elba High School held its annual athletic award banquet last week at the Elba Recreation Center and after sitting through the event I have to admit that while the records of some of the teams were not as good as had been hoped for, it really wasn't all that bad a year for the Tigers. The football team posted a 5-5 record in the state's toughest football region, while the basketball team had a 10-12 record despite starting three freshmen and the baseball team went 9-9 and advanced to the second round of the state tournament. The most successful boy's program had been the Elba High golf team, which placed second in the state and for the third straight season finished in the top four at the state tournament. Over in the girl's program, the volleyball team struggled, but continued to make strides toward becoming a winning team, while the basketball team made it to sub-region action and the softball team was ranked in the top ten in the state all season and made it to sub-state before seeing its season end. There were no state titles for the Elba High teams. However, there were plenty of trophies on display and it was easy to see that the student-athletes at Elba High form a proud fraternity.

*** There will apparently be quite a few coaching changes in the Coffee County system when the new school year begins in August. There will be a new football coach at Zion Chapel and new softball coaches at Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton. Most of the changes were made by the former coaches who decided to step down and concentrate on other sports, while the change in football at Zion Chapel was expected after the Rebels' 0-10 season a year ago. The changes prove that the people in charge want the best for the student-athletes, and maybe the changes will pump new life into the programs.

*** Troy State became an official member of the Sun Belt Conference over the weekend and the move will pay huge dividends for the Trojans in all sports. The Sun Belt has been in existence for many years and has become one of the nation's top mid-major conferences. Football fans can expect the Trojans to start playing such teams as Arkansas State, Idaho, Louisiana, Lafayette, Middle Tennessee, New Mexico State, North Texas, Sam Houston State and the home-and-away conference schools will help Troy State fill out a balanced schedule and give the home fans more games to see. The Troy State baseball team will jump into a conference that includes such powers as Florida International, South Alabama and New Orleans, while in basketball the Trojans will face a tough road again such teams as Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky, Denver, New Mexico State and South Alabama. The same teams will be around to compete in softball and other sports, and there can be no doubt the move will create a lot of interest for all Troy State teams.

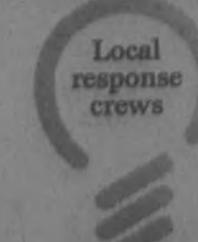
*** Baseball fans in Montgomery were all excited when it was announced a new stadium would be built in the Capitol City and that the Orlando Rays were headed to town. However, many of those same fans were less than excited last week when it was announced that the name of the new Double A Minor League team would be the Montgomery Biscuits. The new name was chosen from a list of names submitted in a contest, and the name Biscuits was picked because it was said biscuits were a southern treat and everyone liked biscuits. Maybe so, but it is clear that everyone doesn't like the name for the new baseball franchise.

*** In closing... I would like to say a public good-bye and thanks to Mike Williams, the principal at Elba High School the past three years. I am big into Tiger pride and believe that everyone that attends Elba High or attended Elba High should take pride in their school and be there to help whenever called upon. Mike Williams was only a member of the Elba family for three years, but he took as much pride in his position, his staff and his students as any principal that has ever been in Elba. His decisions may not have always been the most popular, but I always felt they were from the heart and were based upon what he thought was best for all of Elba High. Thanks, Coach, you will always be an Elba Tiger!

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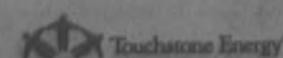
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Cardinals continue to fly high in Dixie Youth baseball action

Following are results from last week's action in youth baseball:

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

*** Braves 11 ZC Black 6 - The Braves used a 7-run second inning to pull ahead and rolled to an 11-6 win over the Zion Chapel Black. Branton Bowers had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Braves, while William Hooks added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Donta Rogers scored 1 run. Taylor Stephen had 1 hit to lead Zion Chapel.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

*** Cardinals 3 Blue Jays 0 - The Cardinals scored 3 runs in the fourth inning and made it stand up in an exciting 3-0 win over the Blue Jays. Justin



ELBA TIGER STANDOUTS... (l-r) Marcus Henderson and Kyle English took part last weekend in the third round of the East West Baseball Classic, at T.R. Miller High School, in Brewton. The Elba duo had made two cuts to advance to the Brewton contest and made the first cut Saturday. Henderson was chosen for the final games set for this weekend in Birmingham.

Youth cheerleader meeting set for June 1 at Elba Recreation Center

Registration for cheerleaders for the 2003 Youth Football League season will end on June 1, 2003, and all youth and parents that plan to be active in cheerleading for the upcoming season must attend a meeting on Sunday, June 1, at 2:00 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center.

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department and the Elba City Pool, and all forms must be turned in by June 1 deadline.

The cheerleading squads for the 2003 season will be for girls ages 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12, with a child's age on September 1, 2003, being the date used to determine age for the season.

For more information call the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833.

Troy State baseball camp to be held on June 12-13 in Enterprise

Coaches from Troy State University will hold a baseball camp on June 12-13 at the Enterprise Parks & Recreation Department. The camp will be for youth ages 6-12 and current and former Troy State coaches, as well as area high school and junior college coaches will be on staff. Certified athletic trainers will also be on staff to supervise all players and administer any aid necessary. The camp will begin at 9:00 AM and end shortly after 12:00 (noon) on both days. Camp staff will be available to receive campers beginning at 8:30 AM each day. Participants must bring their own glove, bat, batting gloves, sneakers and catchers should bring their own gear, if possible. Campers may wear baseball pants, but shorts will be allowed. Each camper will be insured by a respected company, insurance carried with the cost of insurance included in the camp tuition. For more information call the Enterprise Recreation Department at 348-2684.

Beginner swimming lessons offered at Elba City Pool on June 2-6

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will offer beginner swimming lessons from June 2 - June 6 at the Elba City Pool at Hawkins-Williams Park.

The lessons will be taught from 9:00 AM until 12:00 (noon) on Monday through Friday.

Zion Chapel falls to Geneva County 33-6 in spring football jamboree

The Zion Chapel Rebels capped off a short spring football practice on Friday night with a spring game against the Geneva County Bulldogs and came out on the short end of a 33-6 final score.

Geneva County scored on its opening position to grab a quick 6-0 lead, then took advantage of a Zion Chapel fumble to up its advantage to 13-0 late in the opening stanza. The Bulldogs made it 20-0 early in the third quarter and later added two additional third quarter scores to carry a 33-0 lead into the final stanza.

Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard in the final stanza following a humble recovery by Macon Hodge. The Rebel touchdown came on a 21-yard scamper by Derek Taylor.

NRCS receives over \$8 million in federal funding

State Conservationist Bob Jones with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced that Alabama received \$8,173,000 to fund the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants to install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. Primary resource concerns include erosion control on highly erodible land, grazing systems, water quality, water conservation, and at-risk wildlife species.

For details contact the NRCS office at the Coffee County Complex or telephone 334-895-5581, ext. 3.

* Baseball * Softball * SCHEDULES

* BASEBALL *

TEE-BALL BASEBALL (H-W Park, Field #3)
Thursday, May 29
6:00 - Red Sox vs. Sox
Tuesday, June 3
6:00 - Giants vs. Sox

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL Thursday, May 29
In Luverne,
6:30 - D-Backs vs. H. Home
In Elba,
6:30 - Elba vs. New Brockton
Monday, June 2
In Luverne,
6:30 - D-Backs vs. Braves
In Brantley,
6:30 - Brantley vs. H. Home
In Elba,
6:30 - Zion Chapel vs. New Brockton

MACHINE PITCH BASEBALL (H-W Park, Field #1)
Thursday, May 29
In Luverne,
6:30 - Yankees vs. Expos
Tuesday, June 3
6:00 - Indians vs. Expos

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL Thursday, May 29
In Elba,
6:00 - Pirates vs. NB Red
7:30 - Blue Jays vs. Kinston #2
In Zion Chapel,
6:00 - ZC Red vs. ZC Black
7:30 - ZC Red vs. ZC Black
In Kinston,
6:00 - Kinston vs. Samson Braves
7:30 - Kinston #1 vs. NB Gray
Friday, May 30
In Elba,
6:00 - Braves vs. Reds
7:30 - Pirates vs. Kinston #2
In Samson,
6:00 - Samson Braves vs. NB Red
7:30 - D-Backs vs. ZC Black
Saturday, May 31
In New Brockton,
6:00 - ZC Red vs. Samson Yankees
12:00 - Blue Jays vs. Samson Cubs
6:00 - NB vs. Braves
4:00 - NB Gray vs. Cardinals
6:00 - NB Red vs. D-Backs
Monday, June 2
In Elba,
6:00 - Braves vs. Samson Braves
7:30 - Pirates vs. ZC Black
In Samson,
6:00 - Samson Yankees vs. ZC Red
7:30 - D-Backs vs. Samson Cubs
Tuesday, June 3
6:00 - Blue Jays vs. Samson Cubs

will be taught by Red Cross certified lifeguards.

The cost is only \$15 per person and may be paid at the pool on the first day of lessons.

For more information call the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833.

Four-person scramble set for June 26 at Silver Wings Golf Course

The Wiregrass Chapter, ASMC invites interested golfers to participate in its second annual Scholarship and Community Services Golf Tournament. The tournament will be a four-person scramble and will be held on June 26, 2003 at the Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until noon, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. This event was rescheduled after postponement of the 25 Apr tournament due to inclement weather. Teams who registered in April are automatically registered for the June tournament.

Entry fee is \$35.00 per player, which includes golf cart, green fees and lunch. Two mulligans can be purchased for an additional \$5.00 (limit 2 per player). Players who sign up by 17 Jun will receive one free mulligan. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams plus door prizes will

be given away throughout the day.

Golfers who would like to play in the tournament should leave a phone number and detailed message for WO1 Timothy Robinson at 503-9146. Monetary donations and entry fees (with name, address and phone number) may be mailed to Wiregrass Chapter, ASMC, P.O. Box 62066, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-0266.

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